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STORY

【撞撞までのお浚】女性の胴乳を回うことで、特定元素を固在に操ることができる能力者、その名もクェイサー。神成計組は、貴金のクェイサーやアトスとも手を組み、その勢力を拡大していく。一方、行方不明のサーシャを捜そうとするまふゆはミハイロフ学園で撞父である山辺組大と再会する。しかし撞大こそが神成計撞の胴胴の1人だった。

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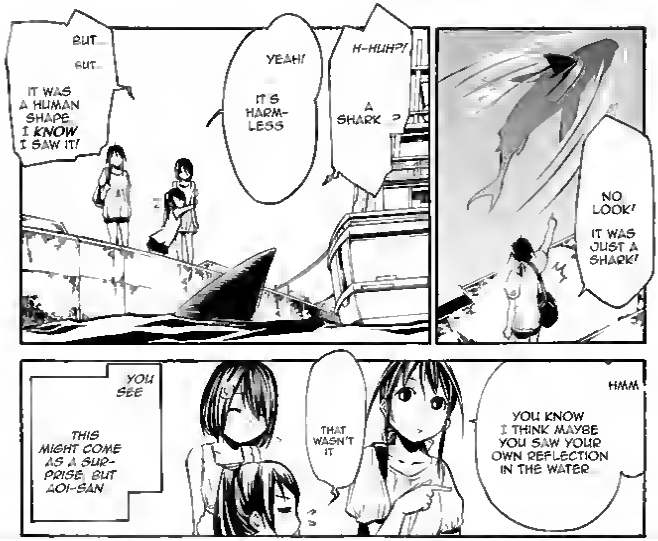
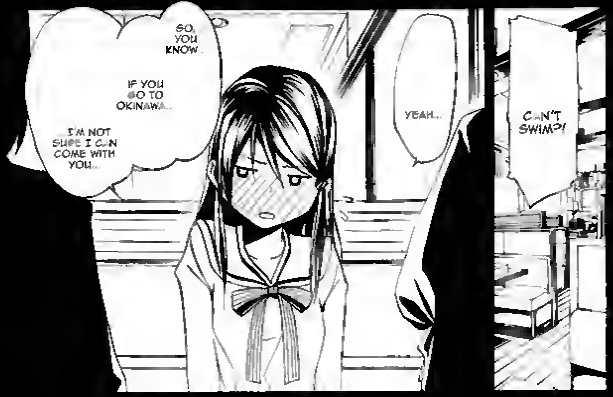
AND WE'RE GOING THERE BECAUSE...
OKINAWA?!
TSUBASA-CHAN TOLD ME SHE WAS LOOKING FOR TRACES OF SASHA
AND APPARENTLY, HE WENT TO A SMALL ISLAND NEAR OKINAWA JUST BEFORE HE DISAP-PEARED
SHE SAID HE WENT THERE TO FIND A PERSON CALLED CANZEN ROUSHI"
IT'S A BIT OUT OF THE WAY THOUGH
THERE AREN'T ANY LINERS GOING THERE
THAT'S THE THING
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY DIFFICULT TO ACTUALLY GET THERE
NO, IT'S EASY
AND I KNOW HOW!
YOU DO?!

MY MOM'S FAMILY LIVES AROUND THERE
...AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF BOATS
REALLY?
THEN CAN YOU ASK IF THEY CAN HELP ME OUT, FUMIKA?
clench
SURE I'LL ASK!
BUT IN RETURN...
...I'M COMING WITH YOU!
WE SHOULD'VE BEEN RESTING UP...
BUT WE DECIDED TO GO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANYWAY
IT FELT LIKE THE RIGHT CHOICE
SINCE
SPLASH

tremble
CLUTCH
HERE, AOI-SAN!
SPLISH
I SAW SOMEONE!
A P-P-PER-SON IN THE WATER!
GRAB
WATCH OUT!
HIIIH!!
slip


BUT...
BUT...
IT WAS A HUMAN SHAPE. I KNOW I SAW IT!
YEAH! IT'S HARMLESS
H-HUH?! A SHARK ?
NO, LOOK! IT WAS JUST A SHARK!
YOU SEE
THIS MIGHT COME AS A SURPRISE, BUT AOI-SAN
THAT WASN'T IT
HMM
YOU KNOW I THINK MAYBE YOU SAW YOUR OWN REFLECTION IN THE WATER...


SO, YOU KNOW...
IF YOU GO TO OKINAWA...
I'M NOT SURE I C...N COME WITH YOU...
YEAH...
C...N'T SWIM?!

IF THAT'S TRUE...
..THEN I HAVE TO GO WITH YOU!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I'M GOOD AT...
...AND THAT'S SWIMMING!

AND THAT'S HOW...
OUR JOURNEY TO OKINAWA BEGAN
huff!
SO...
NOW THAT WE'RE HERE...
...WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND THIS "GANZEN ROUSHI" AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

UM...
HE'S REALLY BIG AND STRONG, RIGHT?
YEAH!
ACCORDING TO TSUKASA-CHAN
...HE'S MADE HIS NAME AS A MASTER OF ALL KINDS OF FIGHTING STYLES ALL OVER THE WORLD
SO WE SHOULD LOOK FOR A GREAT WARRIOR!
SHAA...
OH
WELL, IF THAT'S TRUE
...HE SHOULD REALLY STAND OUT ON THIS TINY ISLAND!

WELL, WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE!
I'LL GO ASK THAT OLD MAN OVER THERE!
HMM...
CONSIDERING SASHA CAME HERE SPECIFICALLY TO SEARCH FOR THIS PERSON
MAYBE FINDING HIM WON'T BE THAT EASY...
TOF
TOF
I WISH IT WAS THAT EASY, BUT I'D NEED TO WORK WITH A HYDROGEN USER FOR THAT
WATER IS A COMPOUND, AFTER ALL...
AND BESIDES, I'VE ALWAYS HATED IT
SO MAYBE YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SWIM!
AND WATER'S ONE THIRD OXYGEN!
MAYBE YOU CAN MAKE THE WATER DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
LIKE FOOSH!
I WAS THINKING, AOI-SAN
YOU'RE AN OXYGEN QWASER, RIGHT?

HUH?
BUT MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING...
OH...
AOI-SAN YOU'RE ALWAYS SO COOL AND PRETTY
WELL...
...MAYBE WE'RE A BIT CLOSER THAN WE LOOK!
BUT IF YOU'RE BAD AT THE ONE THING I'M GOOD AT...
WE SURVIVED A FLOOD TOGETHER
YUU AND I
...!!
SPLASH!

WE WERE ONLY INFANTS WHEN IT HAPPENED
SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING I ACTUALLY REMEMBER
WA WA WA WA
WHAT DID I DO?
BUT...
IT SEEMS LOGICAL
THAT'S WHERE MY FEAR OF WATER COMES FROM
I'M
bow!
I'M SO SORRY I SAID THAT!
poke
IT'S OKAY, FUMIKA!
YOU KNOW, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER TOLD ANYONE ABOUT IT

YOU WHAT?!
BUT NOW THAT I'VE SAID IT
...I MUST SAY I FEEL A LOT BETTER!
AOI-SAN...
MAPUYU?!
MAPUYU WHAT'S WRONG?!
THIS
THIS MAN HERE...
HE SAYS HE'S GANZEN-SAN!
HIYO!
start
AH, LOVELY GIRLS!
WANNA ORDER SOME FISH?
TOF
TOF

TCH!
SO THEY FOUND HIM ALREADY
AND I'M ALREADY OFF TO A LATE START...

shiine!
WHEN YOU ADDRESS ME...
CALL ME GAN-CHAN!
GIRLS...
flap flap
GUN.
slurp!
HMPH!
BUT GANZEN-SAMA, WE
WHOOSH
YEEES?
turn
GAN-CHAAAN?

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A BOY NAMED ALEKSANDR HEL!
THE REASON WHY WE CAME HERE IS...
lean

BUT ROUSHI...
YOU DO KNOW OF HIM, RIGHT?
WHERE HE WENT?
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY FANS!
OH THIS IS VERY DISAP-POIN-TING...
'CAUSE YOU'RE THAT LAD'S GROU-PIES!
YOU LITTLE WILD-FLOWERS CAME ALL THIS WAY
HMH...
OH I SEE...
flip

AND WE THINK HE CAME HERE!
PLEASE GAN-CHAN-SAMA
HE'S LOOKING FOR SOME-THING CALLED THE "SEVEN DIVERGENCES"...
天才系

PLEASE!
TELL ME WHAT YOU TOLD HIM AND WHERE HE IS NOW!
CHOMP
LITTLE LADY, IF HE DIDN'T TELL YOU WHAT HE WAS UP TO...
THEN ISN'T THAT REASON ENOUGH FOR ME...
...TO NOT TELL YOU ANYTHING EITHER?
HIM?
I BELIEVE THAT SASHA...
IS ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING VERY RECKLESS
AND
I NEED TO FIND HIM BEFORE HE DOES

AND WHY S THAT?
WHEN HE ORVIOUSLY DOESN T WANT YOU TO FIND HIM?
BECAUSE I LOVE HIM

BA HA HA HA HA!!
ADMIRABLE!
BUT...
I PROMISED THE LAO TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT...
pinch
AND NOT SPEAK A SINGLE WORD ABOUT WHAT HE DID HERE
SO I WON'T
NOW IF YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW WHAT HE CAME HERE FOR
MY ADVICE IS YOU GO LOOK FOR IT IN THE SEA
SSTH!!

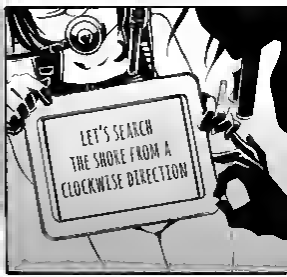
WHOA!
THIS RAY IS BEAUTIFUL!
AND FUMIKA...
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING!
TO THINK YOU HAVE A DIVER'S LICENCE!
YEAH, I'VE BEEN DIVING SINCE I WAS EVEN SMALLER!
IT'S THE ONE THING I CAN BOAST ABOUT!

SO GAN-CHAN-SAMA
IF WE DIVE HERE
...YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD FIND WHAT SASHA WAS LOOKING FOR?
WELL
IF YOU FIND SOME-THING OR NOT IS REALLY ALL UP TO YOU
KAY

BUBBLE
WOW
IT'S REALLY PRETTY DOWN HERE!

HEH...

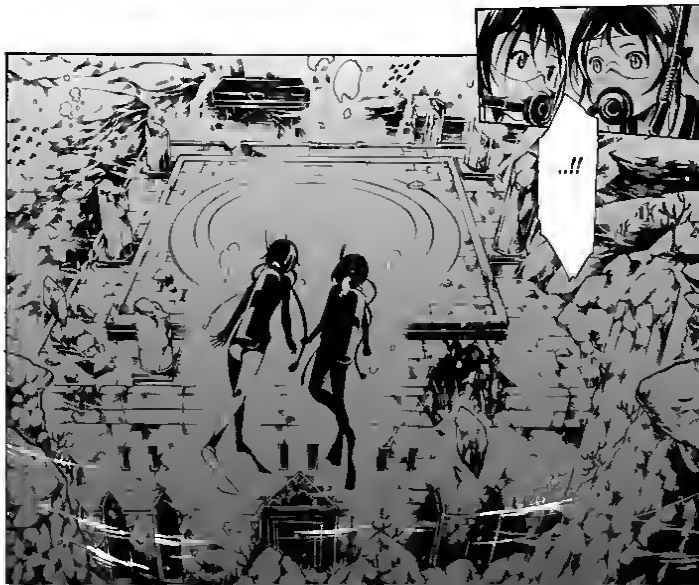
MMMS


LET'S SEARCH
THE SHORE FROM A
CLOCKWISE DIRECTION

SPLASH
I GUESS I'M JUST NOT USED TO BE SO USE-LESS
YOU LOOK A BIT DOWN, LITTLE LADY!
I'M A COWARD
ALL I CAN DO HERE IS WAIT.
NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS IS ALWAYS ROUGH. 'SPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE AS POWERFUL AS AN ATOMIS-LEVEL OXYGEN USER!
AH, IT'S ONLY NATU-RAL!
HE KNOWS I'M A QWA-SER
AND EVEN MY ELEMENT JUST BY LOOKING?!

SO SASHA CAME HERE SPECIFICALLY TO SEE YOU?
HE HE HE!
AW
YOU'RE MAKING ME SOUND LIKE SOME KIND OF BIG DEAL!

WHEN ALL I'VE BEEN DOING IS LIVE MY LIFE DAY BY DAY...
...AND SOMETIMES FIGHT A WHOLE BUNCH OF GUYS AT THE SAME TIME


..!!

FUUH!
SPLASH
MAFUYU!! DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?!
YEAH! THERE ARE SOME KIND OF RUINS DOWN THERE!
THOSE ARE WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT! RIGHT, GAN-CHAN?
HO HO HO!
YEP, THAT'S IT!
WHAT?! BATHROOM?!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO IN THE SEA?!
I'LL PREPARE TWO MORE TANKS
—AND THEN WE'LL GO BACK DOWN!
ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!
UMM
I—I COULDN'T DO THAT TO SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE
PLEASE, GAN-CHAN-SAMA.
WHERE'S THE NEAREST BATHROOM?!

IT MUST BE NICE...
DIVING IN THE SEA
OH WELL!
I'LL SHOW YOU!
YEAH!
AND I'M SURE YOU'LL JOIN US ONE DAY AOI-SAN!
SPLISH
IT'S OKAY, AOI-SAN.
THEY'RE NOT HUNTING
THEY'RE DOCILE
FUMIKA!
SHARK!
I HOPE SO

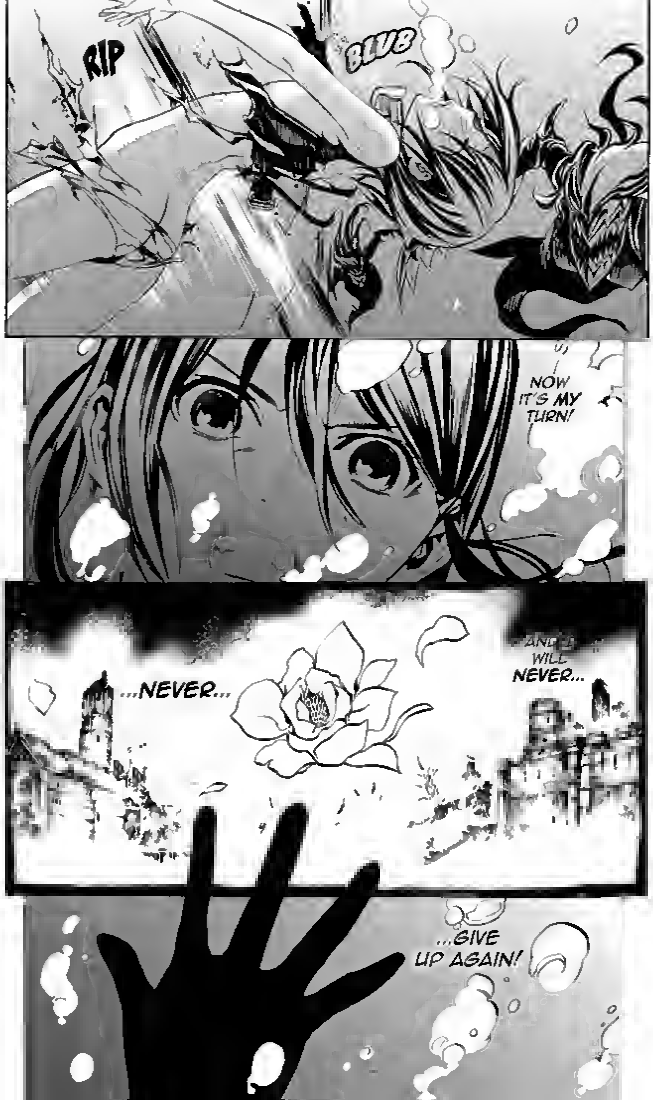
gleam
THUNK
REEEEEEEE
SHUDDER

KZZZZZ
WHAT?!
?!
THEY'RE
FOOM

SPLASH
KHUH!
!!
GUOOOOOO
FUMIKAAA!
RUSH
SLIDE

HAAH!
HAH!
GRIT
GHAAA!!
...!!

WHEN SHE CAME TO HELP ME
I'M SURE PUMIKA WAS AS SCARED AS I AM NOW
BUT, SHE DID IT ANYWAY
flail
AND SHE SAVED ME!


RIP
BLUB
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
...NEVER...
AND I WILL NEVER...
...GIVE UP AGAIN!

?!
I ADMIRE YOUR RESOLVE OXYGEN GIRL
AWAKEN!
touch
NOW CALL ON YOUR ELEMENT WITHOUT FEAR OR DOUBT IN YOUR HEART!
YOUR FORCE-FLOW WAS A LITTLE CHOKED
SO I'VE OPENED IT UP FOR YOU

I FEEL YOU NOW!
EVEN HERE, YOU ARE ALL AROUND ME!
WITHOUT YOU, THERE WOULD BE NO WATER.
OXYGEN...
BRRSSSSHH
SSSSH
BOOP
FROOOSH
...AND YOU'RE MINE!

FWOOM
SO CAST THESE FREAKS OUT!
SPLASH

BECAUSE THEY WILL NEVER...
...TOUCH MY FRIEND AGAIN!
SPLASH
PAF
PATTER

I'M SO SORRY
I SHOULD'VE HELPED YOU SOONER
drag
WHAT HAPPENED?!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I WAS SO HAPPY
WHEN YOU CALLED ME YOUR FRIEND!
NOT AT ALL!
REALLY, AOI-SAN...
N
NO...
staaare
KYA!?
FUMIKA
I'D BE DELIGHTED IF YOU'D DO THE SAME
BUT FIRST...
YOU MAY WANT TO PUT SOME CLOTHES ON

OH DEAR...
THEN METEORA REALLY IS AS INCOMPETENT AS RUMORED!
SIGH
WELL...
UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THIS WAS THE BEST I COULD DO
...WHEN IT CAME TO IMPROVISING MERMEN WITH NO TIME TO PREPARE
BUT VERY WELL!
YOU CAN STAY HERE
...AND WATCH!

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Chapter 95: Divergence

HAAH
HAAH
HAAH

JINKAI OSHOU...
tremble

AS I THOUGHT
PITIFUL!

DO YOU EXPECT TO OVER-THROW THE GOLDEN TYRANT WITH THAT DEGREE OF POWER?
RIDICU-LOUS
STILL
RMMM

...IT'S WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
WHAT I MUST DO, OR DIE TRYING!
...!!
SASHA DIDN'T EVEN RE-CT...!
WHOOSH

YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE IRON, ONE OF THE VERY BUILDING BLOCKS OF NATURE
BUT TO USE IT WITH ANY DEGREE OF RELIABILITY...
...YOU MUST BE ABLE TO DICTATE THE FLOW WITH WHICH IT CONSUMES YOUR LIFE
I KNOW YOU CAN WIDEN THE STREAM AND GAIN IN FORCE
OR CHOKE IT TO A MERE TRICKLE
...AND SO INCREASE CONTROL
BUT YOU CAN ONLY DO SO BY *INSTINCT*, NOT BY SKILL
THIS IS A GREAT FLAW WE MUST WORK VERY HARD TO CORRECT
...AND IT *WILL* TAKE YOU TO THE BRINK OF DYING, THAT I PROMISE YOU
ALEKSANDR HEL...
ARE YOU READY TO SUBMIT TO MY INSTRUCTIONS?
AS READY AS I'M GONNA BE...

VERY WELL
NOW I AM YOUR MASTER
AND I SHALL TEACH YOU AS MY OWN MASTER TAUGHT ME
BUT
I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SURVIVAL
SO, TO BE CLEAR
DO YOU STILL WANT TO DO THIS?
YES!
THEN WE WILL BEGIN AND
HE'LL ENDURE IT
JINKAI ISN'T MUCH MORE THAN A YOUNGSTER HIMSELF
BUT HE'LL TEACH YOUR LAD MORE THAN WELL

JINKAI IS ONE OF THE ONLY TWO DISCIPLES I EVER ROTHERED TO TAKE IN MY LIFE
sigh
AND OF THE TWO HE'S THE ONE WITH THE MIND FOR TEACHING
sigh
NOW, YOUR TWO FRIENDS IN THERE...
THEY HAD A HARD DAY YESTER-DAY
snk
I'VE PUT A LITTLE SOMETHIN' IN THE AIR TO LET THEM SLEEP IN A BIT AND EASE THEIR MINDS
BY THE TIME THEY WAKE UP...
THEY SHOULD BE COMPLETELY REFRESHED

SO GAN-CHAN-SAMA
ABOUT THOSE RUINS
AS I SAID, LITTLE LADY
I AIN'T TELLIN'
YOU'VE GOTTA GO DOWN THERE AND SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES
AND THEN YOU'VE GOTTA JUDGE WHAT YOU SEE FOR YOUR-SELF

OKAY

NNN...!

YAWN
I FEEL LIKE WE SLEPT REALLY LATE...
AH...
YEAH, IT'S ALMOST NOON
...BUT I FEEL GREAT!
HUH?
WHERE'S MAFUYU?

MAFUYU-SAN
SHE SAYS HERE THAT SHE WENT DOWN TO THE RUINS BY HER-SELF!
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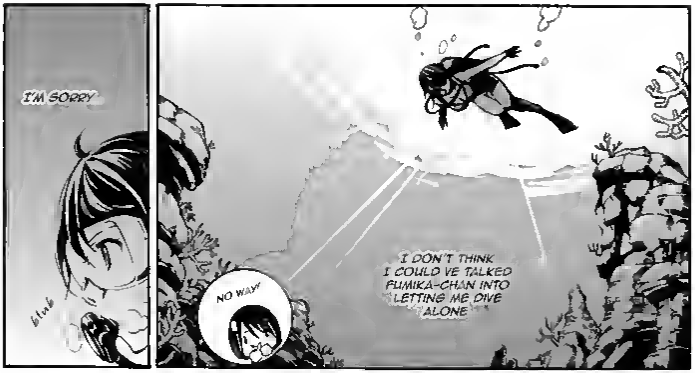
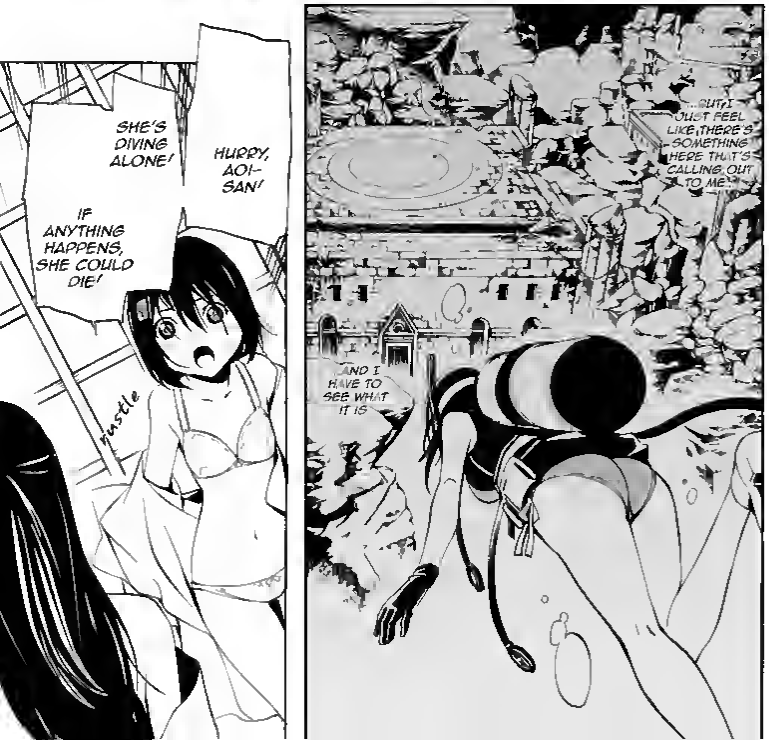

I'M SORRY
blink
NO WAY!
I DON'T THINK I COULD'VE TALKED FUMIKA-CHAN INTO LETTING ME DIVE ALONE


SHE'S DIVING ALONE!
HURRY, AOI-SAN!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, SHE COULD DIE!
hustle
...BUT I JUST FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING HERE THAT'S CALLING OUT TO ME...
AND I HAVE TO SEE WHAT IT IS

KLIK
KLIK
WHAT IF MORE OF THOSE FREAKY SHARKS SHOW UP?!
AND THEN THERE'S THAT OTHER THING
MY APOLOGIES FOR ARRIVING UNANNOUNCED!
KLIK

I HAVE COME ON BEHALF OF THE THEOSIS PROJECT...
AND I DEARLY HOPE FOR MASTER GANZEN ROUSHI HIMSELF...
TO HEAR MY PLEA...
THE THEOSIS PROJECT?!
THEOSIS...?!
HO HO!
MYSTERIOUS FOREIGN LADIES WITH CURVES IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES?!
I SURE AIN'T SAYIN' NO TO THAT!
SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY COME ALL THIS WAY
STEP ON IN!
THANK YOU
KLANK
EH...
ROUSHI!
A MOMENT, PLEASE!

THIS WOMAN SAID SHE'S WITH THE THEOSIS PROJECT!
THAT'S A BAD THING?
SEE, TO ME...
SHE'S JUST ANOTHER GUEST THAT APPEARED ON MY DOOR-STEP, JUST LIKE YOU GIRLS!

MY NAME IS LUCREZIA
PLEASE CONSIDER ME IN YOUR DEPT AND AT YOUR SERVICE
MASTER GANZEN ROUSHI...
I AM HUMBLED BY YOUR PRESENCE AND GENE-ROSITY

FROM WHERE I'M STANDIN' SHE'S NO DIFFERENT
HEH

WELL THEN YOU CAN CALL ME GAN-CHAN!
OH, IT WOULD BE MY HONOR
Gan~ chan!

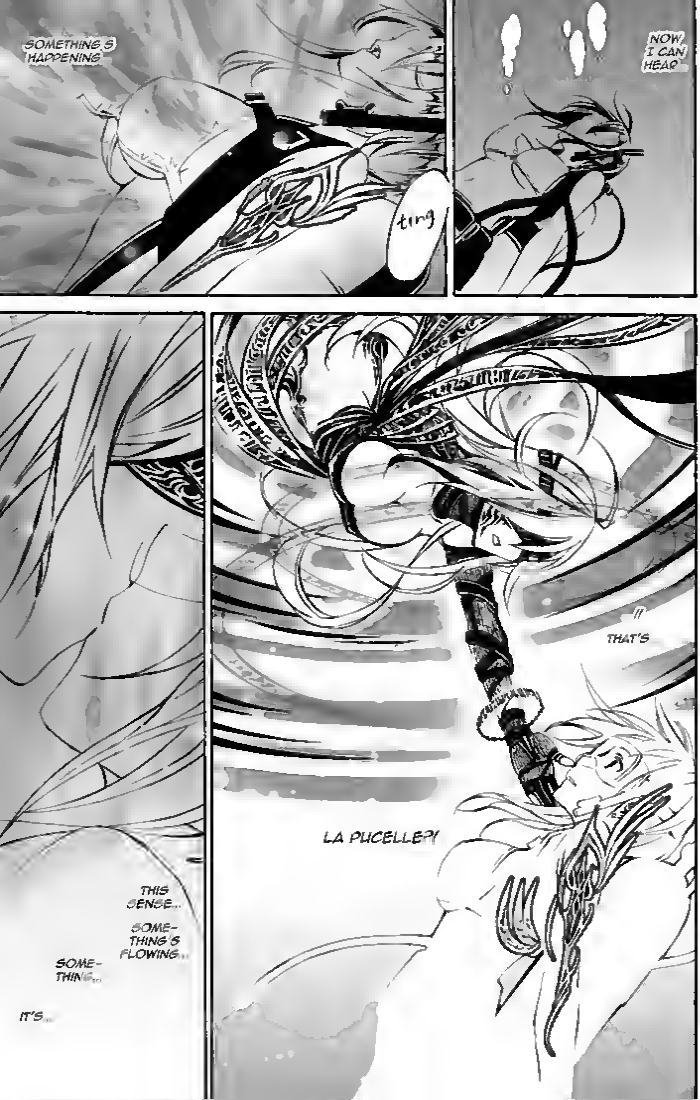
WHO IS THAT?!
WHY S SHE HERE?!
NO IDEA!
BUT THAT SHE SHOWED UP WHILE MAFUYU S GONE
I THINK IT MIGHT BE FOR THE BEST

AS I MENTIONED, I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE THEOSIS PROJECT
AND I M HERE TO ASK FOR A FAVOR
OH?
INDEED
OUR HUMBLE REQUEST WAS, IN FACT PROMPTED BY YOUR FORMER DISCIPLE KNOWN BY MOST AS "THE GOLDEN TYRANT"

STEP
DID YOU SAY "DISCIPLE"?!
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SAY SO
BUT WE KNOW YOU ARE VERY BUSY
SO IF WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO ASK IS TOO MUCH
ROUSHI!
THE GOLDEN TYRANT
YOU WERE HIS MASTER?!
SURE WAS!
NOW YOUR DISCIPLE IS ASKING FOR HIS MASTER'S AID
AND THE ENTIRE THEOSIS PROJECT STANDS WITH HIM IN THIS
GAN-CHAN, WE ALL BEG OF YOU
PLEASE LEND US YOUR LEGENDARY POWER!

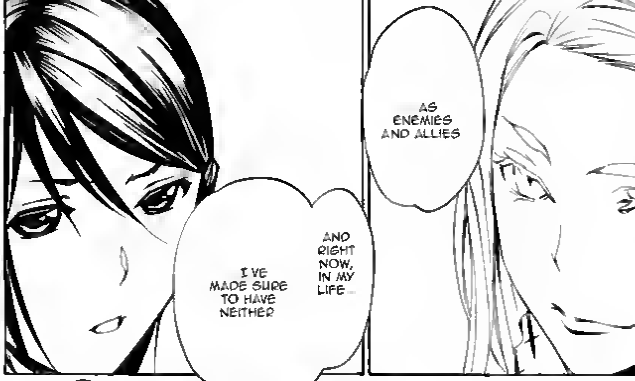
SO OLD THAT WHEN THEY LOST WHATEVER PURPOSE THEY WERE BUILT FOR...
...THE PLACES THAT PURPOSE WAS MOVED TO ARE ANCIENT RUINS NOW TOO
slip
THESE RUINS...
...ARE VERY OLD

KINDA MAKES ME WONDER
WHAT YOU'LL FIND
!!
HE CAME BACK A LITTLE BIT WISER
THAT LAD OF YOURS SASHA
WHEN HE WENT DOWN THERE
I WONDER THAT MYSELF
AND SOMETHING LIKE A WHISPER JUST BEYOND WHAT I CAN HEAR
NOW THAT I'M HERE I CAN FEEL A GROWING ACHE IN THE CORE OF MY BODY
THIS THING IS TOO LOUD
gloop
GLUB
GLUB

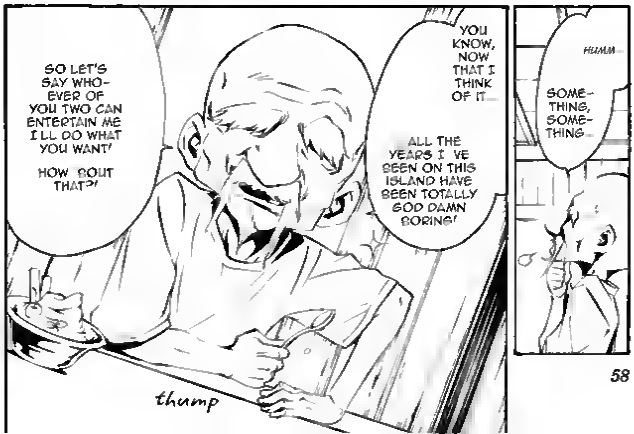

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING
ting
NOW, I CAN HEAR
THAT'S
LA PUCELLE?!
THIS SENSE...
SOME-THING'S FLOWING...
SOME-THING...
IT'S...

IT'S THE ENERGY FLOW OF THE EARTH ITSELF...
IT'S THE LEY LINES.
I THINK I KNOW WHAT THIS IS...
NO...
A DRAGON?!
AND THAT'S A DIVERGENCE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HOW COULD YOU EVEN CONSIDER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
LEND THEM YOUR POWER?!
ARE THEY, REALLY?
BECAUSE THEY'RE THE "BAD GUYS"?
WHAT DO I ?!
BECAUSE—
...AND THE OTHER WAY 'ROUND.
EVEN IF YOU FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, THERE'LL ALWAYS BE THOSE WHO'LL CALL YOU "EVIL"...
BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD IS FOREVER CHANGING...
...NO IN A CHANGING WORLD, THERE'S NOTHING AS IMPERMANENT...


I'VE MADE SURE TO HAVE NEITHER
AND RIGHT NOW, IN MY LIFE...
AS ENEMIES AND ALLIES

BUT, SAN-CHAN
...ISN'T THERE SOMETHING I COULD DO TO WIN YOUR FAVOR...?
YOUR WORDS ARE CRUEL!
OH
AND THAT INCLUDES YOU AND YOURS TOO, LADY
POINT


SO LET'S SAY WHO-EVER OF YOU TWO CAN ENTERTAIN ME I'LL DO WHAT YOU WANT!
HOW 'BOUT THAT?!
YOU KNOW, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
ALL THE YEARS I'VE BEEN ON THIS ISLAND HAVE BEEN TOTALLY GOD DAMN BORING!
thump
HUMM...
SOME-THING, SOME-THING...

ENTER-TAIN...?
OH MY...
YOU LITTLE GIRLS WOULDN T KNOW, BUT IN HIS YOUTH THE ONE THING MASTER GANZEN WAS KNOWN FOR EVEN MORE THAN FIGH-TING...
WAS HIS UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR DEBAUCHERY
LEGENDS SAY HE S HAD MORE WOMEN THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY
AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT...
...I AM VERY WELL VERSED IN ALL MANNER OF ENTER-TAINMENT...
slide

HOW-EVER
TO FULLY SATE SUCH A MAN
YOU MUST HAVE EXPERTISE
SO I'M AFRAID YOU BLUSHING LITTLE MAIDENS HAVE AL-READY LOST !
JUST HOLD ON!
WE CAN ENTERTAIN GAN-CHAN-SAMA TOO DON'T THINK WE CAN'T!
FUMIKA?!
GRAB

THEN WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU EVEN DOING?!
OF COURSE NOT!
WITH A BOY...?
HAVE YOU EVER
YOU KNOW...?
BUT FUMIKA, I MEAN
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN—
BUT I
AOI-SAN, ARE YOU WITH ME?!
IF IT'LL HELP SASHA-KUN I'M DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES!
IF
WEIRD
HOO—
OAAH?!
bounce
YANK!
SHUT UP, AOI-SAN!
JUST DO LIKE THIS
HOORAY!
DO IT!
HOORAY!!

FUMIHAAA?!
YOU...
WAIT...!
squeeze
THIS LL ENTER-TAIN HIM!
CAUSE A LOT OF GUYS
mmf!
THEY LIKE IT WHEN GIRLS DO STUFF LIKE THIS!
JUST WORK WITH ME, AOI-SAN!
IT COULD BE WORSE, AT LEAST IT'S ME DOING THIS!

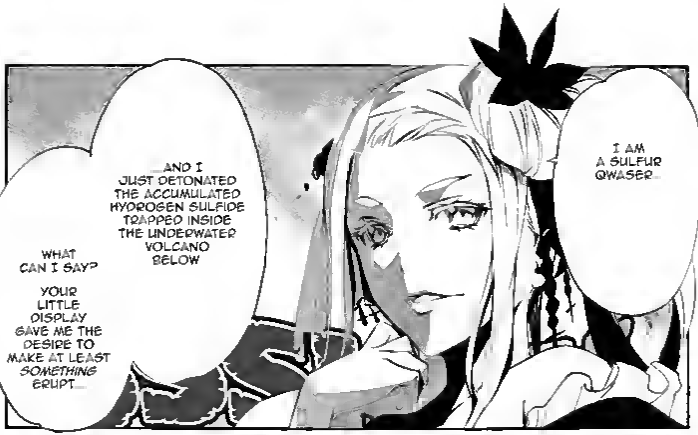
FUMIKA, STOP IT!
YOU WANT THAT SLINKY WITCH TO WIN?!
SORRY, AOI-SAN, BUT I DON'T!
YOUR BODY'S AWESOME. I'M FLAT LIKE A BOARD, SO THIS IS THE ONLY WAY!
JUST GO WITH IT!
grope
HAH?!
DON'T...!
DON'T DO THAT!
FUMIKAAAH...!
HA...
AH!
HO HO!
NOW HERE'S SOME-THIN'!
INNOCENCE AND LUST, SHAME AND DESIRE...
SPICY STUFF, AND RARE TOO!
HIGHEST POINTS!
AH
A MAN OF YOUR VAST EXPERIENCE WOULD BE PARTIAL TO THE SWEET NAIVETÉ OF SUCH FRESH TREMBLING FLOWERS

I HAVE TO SAY WATCHING YOU TWO
...HAS MADE ME QUITE PARCHED
WILMA!
slip
smooch
I CAME HERE...
WITH TWO THINGS IN MIND.
HAAH...!
step

BUT THE SECOND I WON'T
THE FIRST ONE I FAILED AT...
AND AS AN ADDED TREAT...
I'M AFRAID YOUR FRIEND WON'T MAKE IT
REEE

CRACK
KRRK
WHAT IS

BWOOSSHH
NO..!


I AM A SULFUR QWASER...
...AND I JUST DETONATED THE ACCUMULATED HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAPPED INSIDE THE UNDERWATER VOLCANO BELOW
WHAT CAN I SAY?
YOUR LITTLE DISPLAY GAVE ME THE DESIRE TO MAKE AT LEAST SOMETHING ERUPT...

NO
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPE-NING!
MAFUYU-SAAAN!!
MAY IT PLEASE YOU...
...AND GUIDE YOU TO HAPPI-NESS
BUT AS MY PLAN HAS CHANGED...
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE WITH THIS SIGHT AS MY PARTING GIFT TO YOU, SAN-CHAN
SSSHH

SPLASH
WHAT?
DRIP
THAT WAS WAY TOO CLOSE!
WHEW!
I BARELY MADE IT OUT OF THERE!
!!
HO HO—
YOU'RE ONE LUCKY LITTLE LADY!
squeeze
YEAH, I—
I GUESS I AM!
MAFUYU-SAN!!
BAF
OOF

NOW, I DO BELIEVE YOU GIRLS HAVE EARNED YOURSELVES A FAVOR FROM ME...
OH, A GUEST THAT WAS JUST LEAVING.
WHO?
OH, WHO'S THIS?
WHAT WOULD YOU ASK OF ME?
SO
WELL, SURE! YOUR TWO FRIENDS HERE SHOWED ME SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME I ALMOST FELT YOUNG AGAIN!
WE HAVE...?
GAN-CHAN-SAMA...
PLEASE STAY OUT OF THIS
HO?
THEN
...THIS IS WHAT WE'D ASK

IN THE RUINS
I SAW SOME-THING
I SAW THAT THERE'S A BATTLE COMING
IT'LL BE A GREAT CLASH OF FATES
AND IT SHOULD ONLY BE FOUGHT BY THOSE WHO VE DECIDED TO SHOULDER THE BURDEN OF THE FUTURE
THOSE WHO WON'T MUSTN'T INVOLVE THEM-SELVES
THIS STRUGGLE NEEDS TO BE FOUGHT WITH-OUT INTER-FERENCE FROM THE POWERS OF THE PAST

BA HA HA HA HA!!
YOU REALLY ARE SOME-THIN'!
SASHA?!
'CAUSE WOULDN'T YOU KNOW
...THAT'S ALMOST WORD FOR WORD WHAT YOUR LAD SAID WHEN HE CAME UP FROM THE SEA HIM-SELF!
FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!
HOOH...
OH, LITTLE LADIES, I HAVEN'T LAUGHED LIKE THAT...
cough

YOU HAVE MY WORD!
I WON'T MEDDLE!
AND I WON'T HELP MY FORMER DISCIPLE OR THE THEOSIS PROJECT EITHER
NO, THIS OLD MAN WILL JUST KEEP ON FISHIN'
AND LET YOU YOUNG ONES DECIDE WHERE TO TAKE IT FROM HERE!
WE WILL!

AH
THE RUINS WERE DESTROYED
AND WHILE SAN-CHAN WON'T JOIN OUR CAUSE, AT LEAST HE WON'T BE OUR ENEMY
SO I'D SAY MY OBJECTIVES WERE COMPLETED BY MORE THAN HALF
HOWEVER
ALL THIS HAS GIVEN ME A NEW PERSONAL OBJECTIVE TO FULFILL AS WELL.
rustle
I VOW THAT ONE DAY
I WILL KILL YOU ALL
LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

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AND IF WE WORK HARD AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT
IT'LL ALWAYS LOOK THIS PRETTY!
YOU WANT TO HELP ME DO THAT?
YES!
MAPUYU-CHAN WAS DELIGHTED!
BUT AS WE WERE LOOKING AT ALL THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS
...I SUD-DENLY FELT SO SAD THAT MY EYES FILLED WITH TEARS.
I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAD BEEN LOST.
...AND I COULDN'T STOP CRYING...

YAWWWN

HUH ?!

WAS I CRYING ?
?

SO IF I GO BACK TO SLEEP—
OF COURSE, IT'S JUST A DREAM!
BONK
pat
BUT... THIS IS MY ROOM?
OWW
ba-thump
OW!
THAT REALLY HURT!
BUT DOESN'T THAT MEAN
YOU'RE NOT DREAMING

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN TOMO
HIRARA CHAN ?
?
THEN
I'M REALLY BACK?!
I'M BACK AT ST. MIHAILOV'S ACADEMY?!
WELL, NOT EXACTLY. I'M AFRAID
CHRIST, THOSE ARE HUGE!
bounce

DON'T WORRY, I'LL EXPLAIN
IN THE MEANTIME JUST PLEASE PUT SOME CLOTHES ON
swing
AND THEN URARA-CHAN, THE NURSE AT ST. MIHAILOV'S ACADEMY
TOLD ME HOW I'D ALMOST DROWNED IN A FREAK FLOOD IN THE CAVES BENEATH MAGNOLIA
BUT WHAT ABOUT ASTARTE-CHAN? SHE'S SAFE TOO, ISN'T SHE?
DON'T WORRY SHE'S FINE
AND HOW I'D BEEN FOUND DOWNSTREAM BY THE RIVER
whew

WHAT'D HAPPENED TO KATOJA-SAN AND HANA-SAN. URARA-CHAN DIDN'T KNOW
...BUT AT LEAST NONE OF THE HIGH MARIAS HAD BEEN HURT
I WAS SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT

SO MAGNOLIA
IT'S...?
IT'S GONE MORE OR LESS
ALONG WITH MOST OF THE ADEPTS

OH...
TO BE FAIR, THERE WEREN'T MANY OF THEM AROUND ANYWAY
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO MAGNOLIA, I WAS SO SCARED OF EVERYONE...

BUT WHEN I GOT TO TALK TO THEM ONE BY ONE...
BEFORE I KNEW IT...
AOI-SAN
DOUKAN-SAN, FELICIA-CHAN...
JOSHUA-SAN AND JIITA-SAN

ROSTAM-KUN
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW
slide
TOMO...
BUT THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST
kiss
peek

HE-HELLO ?
DON'T MIND THEM
WAVE
THEY ONLY REACT TO DIRECT ORDERS
UM
THAT ROOM I WOKE UP IN JUST NOW
IT LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE MY ROOM IN THE ACA-DEMY
YES
IT WAS PREPARED LIKE THAT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU
MMMMM
MMMMM
PREPARED FOR ME ?
BEFORE WE GO ANY FUR-THER
I WANT TO APOLO-GIZE
YOU SEE
I'VE BEEN LYING ABOUT MYSELF
THE REASON WHY I WAS WOR-KING AS A NURSE AT THE ACA-DEMY
WAS SO I COULD KEEP AN EYE ON THAT PLACE
ding

THE ORGANIZATION I REALLY BELONG TO...
IS CALLED THE "THEOSIS PROJECT"

BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
THIS, TOMO...
THIS WILL BE THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE NEW HUMANITY

SO IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT THIS HALL IS CALLED "THE UTERUS"

ARE THOSE STARS, UP THERE...?
THEY'RE FISH
THIS PLACE
WAS BUILT IN AND AROUND SUNKEN ROMAN RUINS
GIORGIO
GORYOU
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ACTUALLY IN A SECRET CITY AT THE BOTTOM OF A GREAT LAKE!

OH, JUST RUMORS
AND THE CHANCE TO MEET A PRINCESS!
POIN-CESS ?
I AM GIORGIO CHARON
AND I KNOW IT MAY SEEM SUDDEN SIGNORINA
...BUT WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME?
EH ..?
GIORGIO!
YOU RE DISRUPTING!
STEP
THERE ARE STILL THINGS I NEED TO TELL HER ABOUT THIS PLACE, SO—

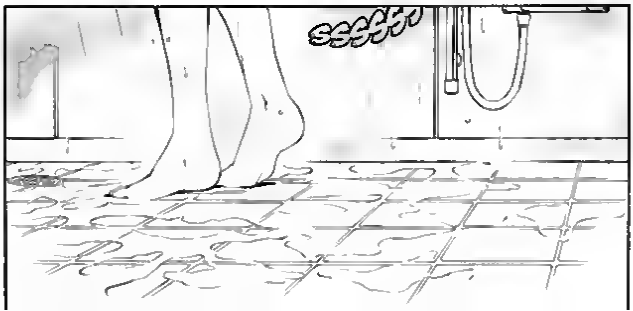
OH
...I'M AFRAID THAT WHEN MY ITALIAN BLOOD IS RUSHING, MY HEART JUST WON'T LISTEN TO REASON!
HOW?!
I AM SIMPLY SPELL-BOUND
...BY THIS VISION OF THE PERFECT MARIA!

?!
THE GOD-LIKE SOMA OF THE ADEPTS' LITTLE MOTHER SUPERIOR IS ABSOLUTELY OFF-LIMITS OF COURSE
BUT HERE IS NOW THE VERY DAUGHTER OF MELOSZ!
OUR OWN ROYALTY, IF YOU WILL!

WHAT "LITTLE MOTHER SUPE-, RIOR"?!
WERE YOU...
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
GIORGIO!!
AND WHO'S "MELOSZ"?!
WAS HE TALKING ABOUT ASCARTE-CHAN?!
AAH...

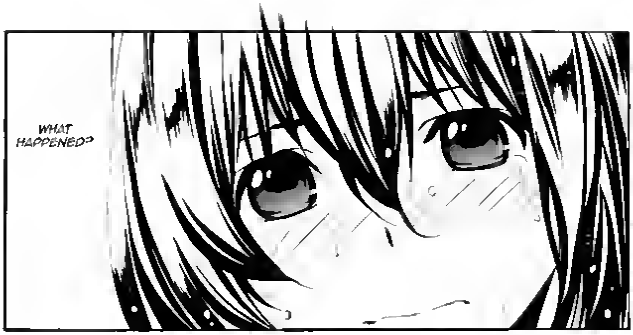
I WAS GOING TO TALK YOU THROUGH THIS STEP BY STEP, BUT--
BUT HOW ABOUT I JUST TELL HER THE TRUTH STRAIGHT UP, KAWA?
I'LL BE QUICK
YUU!
YOUR FATHER'S REAL NAME... IS YAMANOBE YUUDAI
BUT HERE HE'S CALLED "MELOSZ"
AND HE'S THE SECOND IN COMMAND
!!
TOMO WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE ELE-VATOR NOW
BUT HE

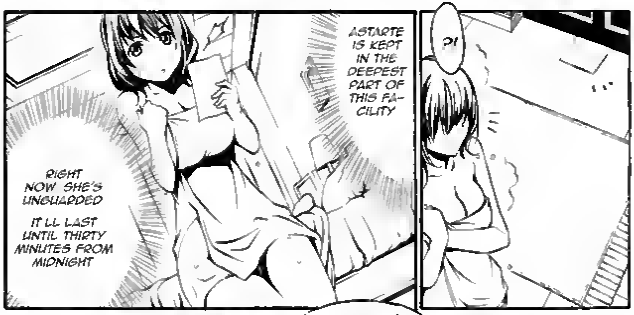
HEY!
I WASN'T FINISHED!
I STILL HAD THINGS TO SAY!
FROM NOW ON, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO KNOW...
...JUST ASK ME, NO ONE ELSE
LIKE WHERE ASTARTE IS
...!!


SSSSS

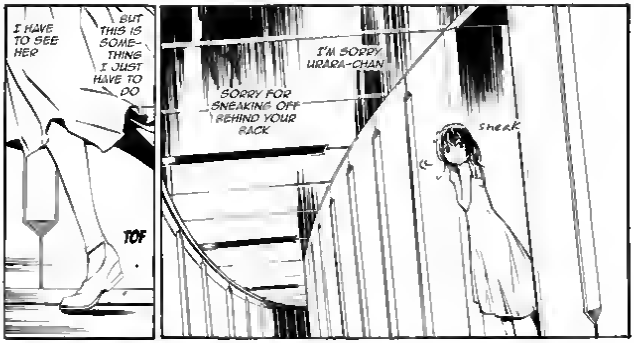
WHEN THE TIME COMES
YOU'LL GET TO SEE BOTH ASTAPTE AND HIM
YOU JUST HAVE TO BE PATIENT
TOMO IT'S TRUE THAT YOUR FATHER IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR ORGANI-ZATION
HE'S THE ONE WHO DESIGNED THE UTERUS MACHINE AT THE CENTER OF THIS PLACE AND HE'S THE ONE WHO OVER-SEES IT

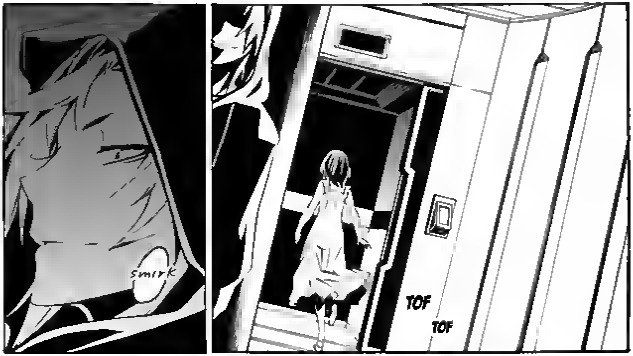
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, MY FATHER WAS SO BIG AND STRONG
LIKE HE COULD TAKE ON THE WORLD
WHEN HE HELD ME 'NO MAFUYU-CHAN IN HIS ARMS, IT WAS LIKE NOTHING COULD TOUCH US.
DADDY!!
NOTHING WAS SCARY
BUT NOW...
SQUEEK


WHAT HAPPENED?

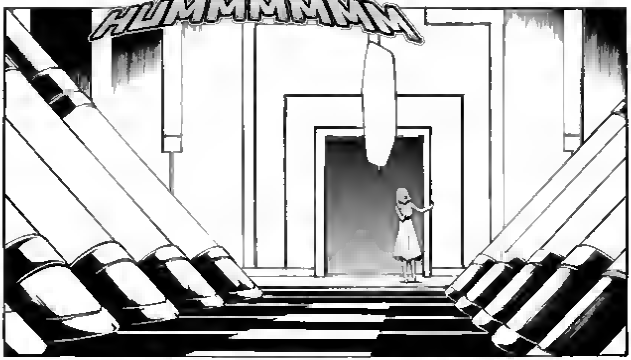

ASTARTE IS KEPT IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THIS FACILITY
RIGHT NOW SHE'S UNGUARDED
IT'LL LAST UNTIL THIRTY MINUTES FROM MIDNIGHT
?!

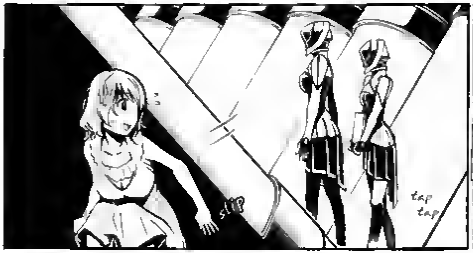
tik
!!
IF YOU WANT TO SEE HER, GO NOW


I HAVE TO SEE HER
BUT THIS IS SOME-THING I JUST HAVE TO DO
TOF
I'M SORRY, UIRARA-CHAN
SORRY FOR SNEAKING OFF BEHIND YOUR BACK
sneak


smirk
TOF
TOF

SFSHH
"THE DEEPEST PART" THE NOTE SAID
THAT'S PROBABLY ALL THE WAY DOWN AT THE BOTTOM...
ding
MMMMMMMMMM


HUMMMMMM

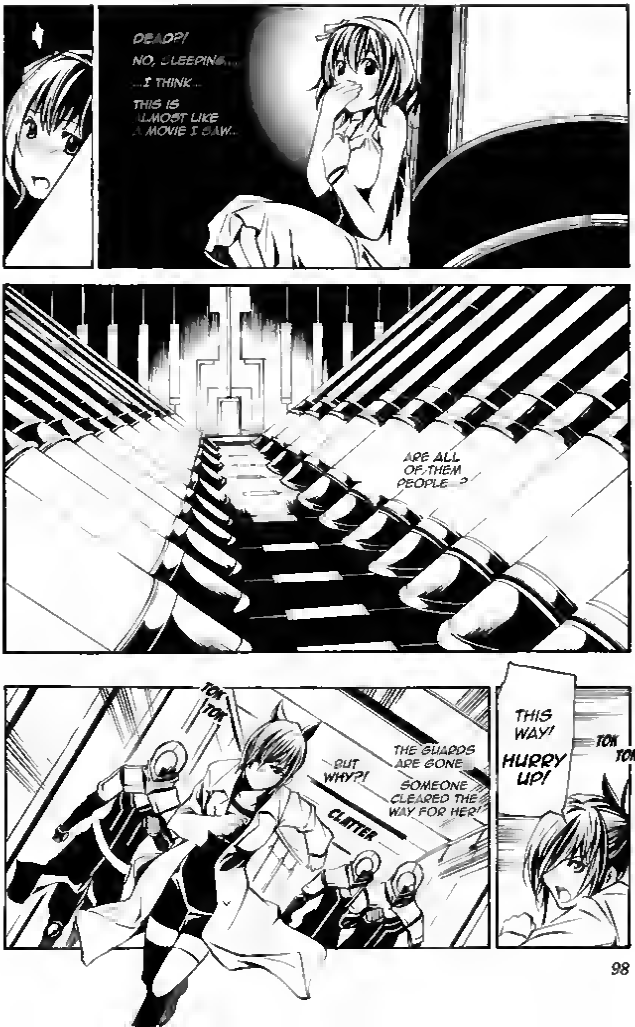

slip
tap tap

click
SHHP

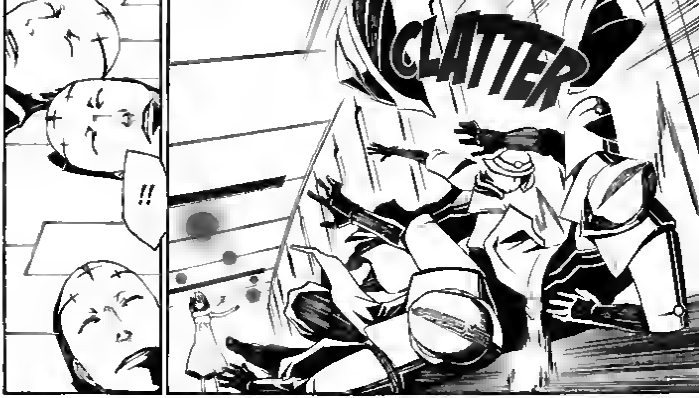
A PER-SON ?

touch
AH COLD !

BIP BIP
BIP
peek


DEAD?!
NO, SLEEPING...
...I THINK...
THIS IS ALMOST LIKE A MOVIE I SAW..
ARE ALL OF THEM PEOPLE...?
TOK TOK
BUT WHY?!
THE GUARDS ARE GONE
SOMEONE CLEARED THE WAY FOR HER?!
CLATTER
THIS WAY!
HURRY UP!
TOK TOK TOK

ZZT
KKZZ
?!
DON'T GO IN THERE, TOMO!
PLEASE!
RUSH
WOMM
SORRY!
REEEE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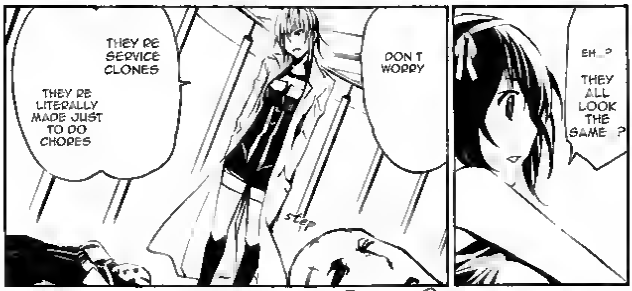
CLATTER


THEY'RE SERVICE CLONES
THEY'RE LITERALLY MADE JUST TO DO CHORES
DON'T WORRY
EH...?
THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME...?

SINCE WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY THIS WAS THE ONLY RATIONAL SOLUTION TO GET THE MAN-POWER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THIS FACILITY
YES
SO ALL THE MASKED PEOPLE
!!

AFTER ALL, BRINGING IN THAT MANY PEOPLE WITH MINDS OF THEIR OWN?
THAT COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR AN ORGANI-ZATION LIKE THIS
!!
WOMM
THUD
I'M SORRY UPARA-CHAN
BUT...
ting
REEEEE
DON'T!
PLEASE, TOMO, WAIT!
TOF TOF

BRZZT
KRZT
SSHKT
ZZT
?!
AND HERE SHE IS
ASTARTE!
AAAH!
GHAH!
KZZT
ZZT

PLEASE
WE GROW BODIES AND HAVE MACHINES THAT FILL THEM WITH THE SOULS OF DEAD PEOPLE
HOW HARD DO YOU THINK IT IS TO MAKE A CLONE OF SOMEONE AND AGE IT UP A BIT?
THAT'S NOTHING
BUT...
BUT ASTARTE-CHAN IS JUST...
THE WHOLE POINT OF THE PROJECT IS TO RE-CREATE THE MESSIAH...
BUT WITHOUT THE MOTHER SUPERIOR'S SOMA IT WON'T WORK
AND SINCE THE REAL ONE IS STILL JUST A CHILD, HERE WE ARE
thunder
NO WE DON'T
!!
step
NO!
THIS IS...
YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS!

FATHER...?
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN TOMO!
PLEASE, YOU CAN STOP THIS!
I CAN BUT I WON'T!
WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD, TOMO
BUT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN THIS SACRIFICE TO FORCIBLY DRAIN THESE CLONES OF SOMA
IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!

NOW...
I SEE
YOU WERE ALWAYS LIKE A FATHER TO MAFUYU-CHAN
SHE LOVED YOU SO MUCH!
BUT FOR SOME REASON
I NEVER REALLY DARED
?
BECAUSE SOMETIMES I FELT THIS THING INSIDE YOU SOMETHING THAT KEPT ME AWAY
AND NOW I KNOW WHAT IT WAS
WHERE THAT FEELING CAME FROM.
THE GREEN-HOUSE

RRRRR
I REMEMBER WHEN YOU BUILT IT.
HOW YOU CRUSHED THE FIELD AND CUT DOWN ALL THE TREES AROUND IT.
KRRKKK
TO YOU, THEY WERE JUST WEEDS
BUT YOU DIDN'T CARE.
I LOVED THAT FIELD AND ALL THE LIFE IN IT.
ALL THE FLOWERS I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE NAMES OF.

ANIMALS LIVED THERE AND THERE WERE PLANTS AND FLOWERS GROWING EVERY-WHERE!
BUT THAT FIELD WAS ALIVE!
BUT YOU KILLED IT AND BUILT YOUR GREEN-HOUSE OVER IT
AND WHILE IT WAS BEAUTI-FUL...
COM-PARED TO THE FIELD, IT WAS SO COLD
YOU ONLY USED IT TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE THINGS YOU WERE INTERESTED IN FOR THE MOMENT
YOU ALWAYS HAD SO MUCH POWER, BUT YOU NEVER USED IT WITH CARE OR TO PROTECT THINGS
YOU ONLY GAVE YOUR LOVE TO THE THINGS THAT ALREADY LIVED UP TO YOUR IDEALS
EVERY-THING ELSE WAS JUST ...WEEDS
AND FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW THAT COLD, HARD GREENHOUSE AND HOW PROUD YOU WERE OF IT...
I UNDER-STOOD THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU REALLY LOVED...

I STRIVE FOR TRUE BEAUTY IN ALL THINGS ALWAYS
YOU KNOW THAT
IT'S AN IDEAL I CANNOT DENY IT MUST GUIDE MY EVERY ACTION
OF COURSE I AM...
YOUR POINT IS WHAT...
THAT I'M SELF SERVING?
SELF-INVOLVED?
INDEED I FULLY ADMIT THAT IN ALL THE WAYS THAT MATTER...
I AM ITS WILLING SLAVE
BUT THAT "TRUE BEAUTY" THING YOU ALWAYS TALK ABOUT, IT'S, IT'S...
...DEAD!
IT'S USE-LESS!
THERE'S SO MUCH MORE ALL AROUND US THAT DESERVES OUR LOVE AND PROTECTION THAN JUST THE THINGS YOU THINK ARE SO...
...BEAUTIFUL!

REALLY
THEN WHY DON'T YOU SHOW ME WHAT *YOU* THINK WE SHOULD *LOVE AND PROTECT*?
I WILL!
I...
I GAVE MY WORD
ting
SO EVEN IF IT MEANS GOING AGAINST YOU...
AND EVEN IF...
EVEN IF EVERYONE HERE BECOMES MY ENEMY
FATHER...
EEEEEE

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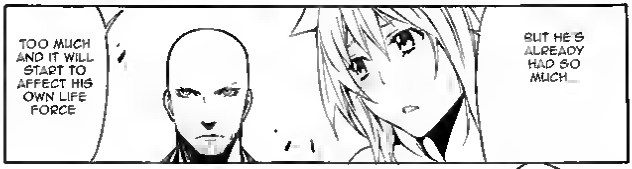
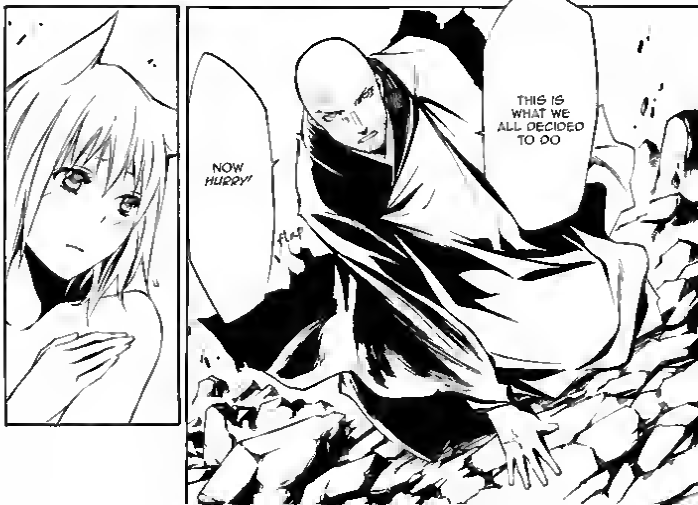
SASHA
WE'RE GETTING CLOSE NOW
AGAIN


BUT HE'S ALREADY HAD SO MUCH...
TOO MUCH AND IT WILL START TO AFFECT HIS OWN LIFE FORCE


THIS IS WHAT WE ALL DECIDED TO DO
NOW HURRY!
FLAP

WOOM
SHIVER
AAH...!!
BA-
THUD

FLOOD
TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU NEED, SASHA.
drip
ng
drip
BA-THUD
BA-THUD

...NO BE
RENEWED
BE
REBORN
BRRRRRSSSHH
RUSH
grip

BROOSSH
HAAA!
SLASH
KH...!
?!
STILL TOO SLOW

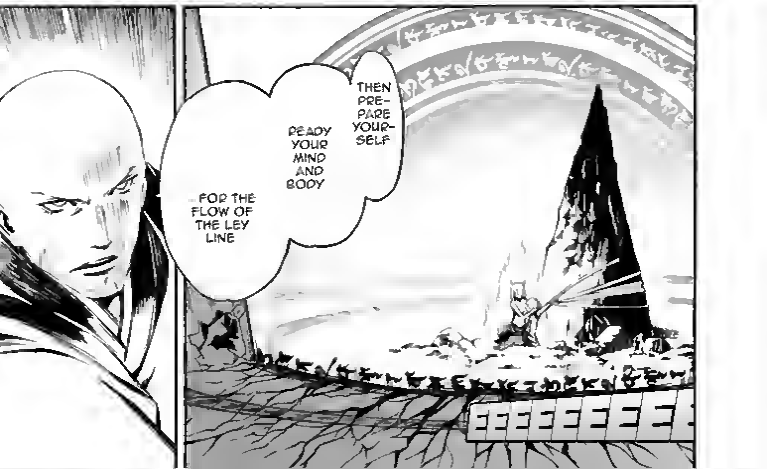
FOOM
GHA!
tremble
step
THUD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE POINT OF ALL THIS IS THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LAND ONE HIT ON ME
BUT SO FAR YOU'VE SPENT MOST OF THE TIME PLAYING IN THE DIRT
YOU SAID YOU WERE READY FOR MY INSTRUC-TIONS
WERE YOU LYING TO ME?

WHAP
JUST WAIT, YOU—
FUCK...!
FUCK!
I'M STRONGER NOW I KNOW I AM!
AND YET...
haah
hah
hah
THINK

DESPITE ALL THAT
I STILL DON'T STAND A CHANCE
YOU CAN'T WIN...
...AND YOU WONDER WHY...
...EVEN AS YOUR FACE TELLS THE WHOLE STORY.
YOUR BODY IS STRONG
THERE'S SOMETHING LACKING IN YOUR MIND THAT'S KEEPING YOU FROM GOING FURTHER
...AND WHILE I CAN'T SAY WHAT IT IS...
...I DO KNOW THAT AS LONG AS YOU DON'T DEAL WITH IT, YOU WILL NEVER EVEN TOUCH ME...
...MUCH LESS THE GOLDEN TYRANT.
GRIT
...!!
hah

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, HOW THE HELL WOULD I?!
THE SEVEN DIVER-GENCES...
THE THEOSIS PROJECT HAS TAKEN TWO AL-READY!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR GUESSING!
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING
BUT THE ORDEAL I HAVE IN MIND MAY END UP KILLING YO
AND I WONDER IF YOU RE TRULY READY FOR THAT.
I JUST
GOT PEOPLE THAT I HAVE TO PROTECT
THAT S ALL THAT MATTERS!
AND IF I HAVE TO DIE TO DO THAT
...I DON'T CARE!

VERY WELL, WE'LL TAKE THE CHANCE.
TERESA BERIA WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU
ARE YOU WITH US?
... OF COURSE
IT'S WHY I'M HERE.


THEN PREPARE YOURSELF
READY YOUR MIND AND BODY
FOR THE FLOW OF THE LEY LINE

CHANNEL THIS PRIMAL SOURCE OF LIFE!
LET IT SURGE INTO YOU AND MAKE IT ONE WITH YOUR SOMA!
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
NORMALLY, SOMA ONLY CARRIES WITH IT TRACES OF THE GIVER'S FEELINGS AND MEMORIES...
BUT NOW YOURS WILL MAKE HIS MIND BURST WIDE OPEN!
THEN PASS IT ON TO HIM
drip
BA-THUD

AND WITH THAT, SASHA, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SEE YOURSELF MORE CLEARLY
BA-THUD
...AND DISCOVER WHAT IT IS THAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK
WHATEVER HAPPENS NOW IS ALL UP TO YOU!
AAAAH!!
BA-THUD
AH
HAAH...!
BA-THUD

WHAT...
...IS THIS...?
HEY, SASHA!
MAFUYUP!
...!!

THIS IS...
...THE PAST?
MY PAST...
ALL MY MEMO-RIES...

THIS IS LIKE...
...MY OWN ICONOSTASIS

LET'S HOPE SO.
AND I COULD ASK THE SAME OF YOU.
rustle
haah
HE'S NOT MOVING.
DO YOU THINK...
HE CAN TAKE IT?
haah
haah
AFTER ALL...
I KNOW THIS IS TREMENDOUSLY DANGEROUS AND EXHAUSTING FOR YOU AS WELL.
JINKAI IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING...
YOU'RE GOING TO EXTREME LENGHTS TO HELP US.
WHY?
"EXTREME LENGTHS"?
YOU MEAN ALL THIS?
YES.

THIS LEY LINE METHOD YOU'RE USING NOW
FOR SASHA AND ME
IT PUTS A GREAT STRAIN ON YOUR CIRCUIT
BUT YOU'RE DOING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN ANY-WAY
YOU'RE RISKING YOUR OWN LIFE HERE, NOT ONLY SASHA'S
I DO THIS BE-CAUSE I OWE A DEBT
A GREAT DEBT
TO HIM
DEBT?

I CAN REMEMBER EVERY-THING
EVERYTHING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO ME
ALL MY FIGHTS

SO MAYBE NOW I CAN FIND OUT WHAT HE MEANT
AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT'VE CHANGED ME

MAYBE
MAYBE IT MEANS THAT FOR ALL THE WAYS I'VE GROWN
I'VE LOST SOME-THING TOO, AND THAT'S WHAT'S CALL-ING ME!
SOME-THING LACKING IN MY MIND
THERE'S SOMETHING LACKING IN YOUR MIND THAT'S KEEPING YOU FROM GOING FURTHER

IT USED TO BE THE ONLY THING I HAD.
BUT NOW, IT'S GONE.
THE ANGER
OH...
NOW I SEE.
THE FIRE.

IT WAS MY SINGLE IMPULSE. MY ONE REACTION TO EVERYTHING.
BUT HOW CAN I—
FOR SO LONG IT WAS WHAT DROVE ME. WHAT KEPT ME ALIVE.

RUSH
OLYA!!
RUN
SASHA
THUD
THIS IS MY MEMORY OF THAT DAY
THE DAY THE GOLD QWASER MURDERED MY SISTER
AAAH...

OOTORI...
THE GOLDEN TYRANT...
AND SOMEONE ELSE, THIRD MAN...
GOD...
GOD, PLEASE HELP US...
GRAB
YOU LITTLE FOOL
GOD WILL NOT SAVE YOU
IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, YOU FIGHT!
CUT
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE ANOTHER DAY YOU FIGHT!
YOU FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE!
THE ONLY WAY TO VICTORY IS TO TAKE IT BY FORCE!

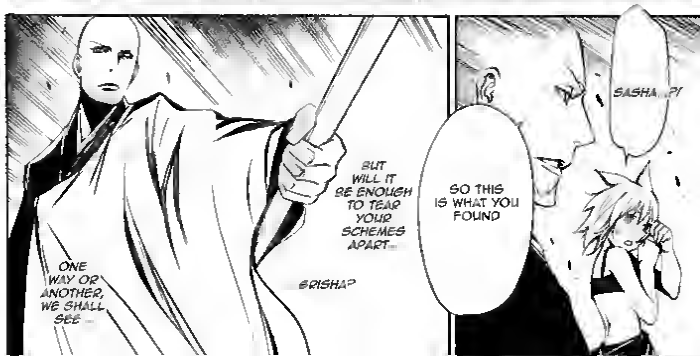
KILL... YOU
WE'RE LEAVING...
...YOU WON'T...
BUT LIKE THE REST OF THE WORMS...
slump
I'LL KILL YOU ALL
I SWEAR
I SWEAR...
THAT WAS IT
THE SPARK THAT LIT THE FIRE
!!

THE FIRE THAT BURNED AWAY EVERYTHING INSIDE ME UNTIL ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS ANGER AND THE NEED FOR REVENGE.
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
THE COLD QWASER
SOMEHOW I FORGOT
HE'S THE ONE WHO MADE ME
HE'S THE ONE WHO GAVE ME
BA-THUD

HE SHOWED ME WHAT I HAVE TO DO!
...MY PURPOSE FOR BEING.
NOW...

BA-THUD
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
SHUDDER
KROOM
!!

BA-THUD
I WILL...
...KILL THEM ALL!!
BA-THUD


SASHA...?!
SO THIS IS WHAT YOU FOUND
BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO TEAR YOUR SCHEMES APART...
GRISHA?
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE SHALL SEE...

TOMO!!
TOF
TOF
KZZT
EEEEEEEEE
TOF
AAH...
EEEE
FATHER

SO THIS IS THE MANIFESTATION OF YOUR HALF OF THE "MAGIA OF THE SWORD"...
IT'S BREATH-TAKING!
FATHER...!
TOMO
YOU MUST NOT LET THIS CIRCUIT BE DAMAGED IN ANY WAY!
SO STOP THIS CHILDISH TANTRUM OF YOURS
RIGHT NOW!
THE RIGHTEOUS FURY OF A VIRTUOUS GIRL
KLIK
KLAK
HA HA HA HA HA!!

CAN SHAKE AND SHAME EVEN THE MIGHTIEST OF MEN
ISN'T THAT SO, YUUDAI?
WHO ARE YOU...?
AH, YES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE ACTUALLY MEET
IT FEELS STRANGE, I MUST CONFESS, CONSIDERING I ALREADY KNOW YOU INSIDE AND OUT
DAUGHTER OF YAMANORE
I AM
THEN—
YOU'RE—
I STILL HAVE THE HOLY NAIL...
...THAT GAVE ME CONTROL OF YOUR BODY FOR SO LONG.
Tin

NOW GIRL
WHILE BEING HEAD-STRONG HAS ITS CHARMS
IT QUICKLY BECOMES TIRESOME
YOU WILL LISTEN TO ME
"
AND DO NOT TRY TO APPEAL TO YOUR FATHER
HE WILL NOT HELP YOU
IF YOU PERSIST IN DEFYING US
YOU WILL SUFFER THE CONSE-QUENCES
AND THEY WILL BE SEVERE INDEED
IF YOU FORCE ME TO DEAL WITH YOU MYSELF
NOW WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE?
I AM THE ONE WHO'S CALLED THE "GOLDEN TYRANT"!

YES
YOU...
YOU NEED ASTARTE-CHAN'S SOMA, DON'T YOU?
SOON, THE MESSIAH WILL COME BACK TO US
IT'S THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF THE LITERUS MACHINE
HOWEVER...
FOR HIM TO WORK HIS MIRACLES
WE MUST GIVE HIM THE MOST POWERFUL SOMA OF THE GREATEST MARIA

WE'VE HAD TO CULL MANY PRETENDERS AS WE SEARCHED FAR AND WIDE
BUT THEN WE LEARNED OF THE MOTHER SUPERIOR OF THE ADEPTS, SHE OF THE PUREST HEART
BUT I...
...AND NOW WE HAVE HER!
I'VE GOT STRONG SOMA TOO, YOU'VE SAID SO YOURSELF!
SO PLEASE, LET ASTARTE-CHAN GO
...AND LET ME TAKE HER PLACE!

SO...
THIS IS YOUR KEY TO FIGHTING THE GOLDEN TYRANT?
THIS RAGE?
OH?
THAT'S...
...RIGHT!
VERY WELL
THEN SHOW ME
THE DEPTH OF YOUR RESOLVE

!!
IMPRESSIVE!
I SEE EVEN THE IRON IN THE MAGMA IS RESPONDING TO YOU NOW!
THINK
CLATTER
!!
THIS PLACE WILL GET QUITE DANGEROUS
TERESA, YOU SHOULD LEAVE
SPLASH
RAAAHH!!
BOOM

RRRR

NOT BAD
IN FACT THIS JUST MIGHT WORK
BUT
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF I ADD SOME MORE FUEL TO THE FIRE
SASHA!
THERE'S SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW!
THAT SISTER OF YOURS THAT WAS KILLED IN SIBERIA
OLYA, WAS IT?
?!
THOSE THREE MEN THAT KILLED HER?
I WAS ONE OF THEM!

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Chapter 98: The White Steel Awakens

THE GOLDEN TYRANT AND I—
WE WERE BOTH DISCIPLES OF GANZEN ROUSHI, AND WE GREW CLOSE AS BROTHERS
EVEN AFTER OUR TRAINING WAS COMPLETE
WE STILL WOULDN'T LEAVE EACH OTHER'S SIDE
THAT'S WHY I WAS THERE THAT DAY
WITH THE GOLDEN TYRANT AND OOTORI, THE PHOENIX

AND I SAW THE GOLDEN TYRANT MOCK YOU FOR IT
I WAS
I WATCHED YOU PRAY FOR GOD TO SAVE YOU...
YOU WERE THERE?!
BRRRMMMM
EVEN AS HE CARVED THAT SCAR INTO YOUR WEEPING FACE

RAAAH
BOOM
HAAAH

SSSSSHH
...!!
ALL THE VAST STORES OF COMPOUNDS AND IMPURITIES THAT SURROUND US HERE...
WHOOSH
HE'S DIVIDING AND REDUCING THEM UNTIL ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THEM ARE THE PARTS THAT ARE IRON AND THE PARTS THAT ARE NOT
KRRRR
KROOM
FINALLY
RRRANNG

Chapter 98: The White Steel Awakens

NOW, LET'S BEGIN!
THOK
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LET ANGER BE YOUR DRIVING FORCE
THEN FEED IT, SASHA!
LET IT GROW UNTIL NOT EVEN YOU CAN CONTROL IT!
AND THEN—
ching
flutter
—UNLEASH IT!
KTANNG

BRRMMM
RRSHHH
"
JINK. IT'S CIRCUIT.
IT USES THE VERY FORCES OF THE NATURE THAT SURROUNDS HIM.
AND HE HIMSELF HAS INHERITED SANZEN ROUSHI'S WAVE MOTION TECHNIQUES.
EVEN IF HE'S NOT A QWASER, HE STILL FIGHTS LIKE ONE.
AND WITH A MASTERY SO COMPLETE, ONLY A FEW QWASERS CAN COMPARE.
PLEASE LET THEM BOTH BE SAFE.

TOK
TOF
TOF
CLANG
RHAAA!
THUNG
SPANG
STILL SLOPPY!
SASHA THE MARTYR, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET YOUR REVENGE...
TOK
WHOOSH

WHOP
...LIKE
THAT?!
EEEE
SHUNK
TOK
FRSSH

SSSHH
SLUMBERING DRAGONS OF THE TOWERING MOUNTAIN, AWAKEN!
GREAT GOD OF ARMS, I BESEECH THINE AID AGAINST MY ENEMY!
DRAGON WAVES FOREVER SURGING THROUGH THE EARTH
INHABIT NOW MY SPEAR AND BRING THE LIGHT OF YOUR WISDOM TO THE DARKENED HEARTS OF THE LIVING!
KHOOM

BAM!
WHOOM
BOOM!
HE'S ONLY PROTECTING HIMSELF BY INSTINCT, AND EVEN THEN IT'S ONLY TO SHIELD HIMSELF FROM WHAT'S COMING HEAD-ON
ALL HE CAN THINK ABOUT IS THAT HE MUST REACH ME
THOK
KRU
SPUK
...YOU CANNOT WIN!
!!
BRR
AND FIGHT
AND THAT MEANS

KRAKOOM

IS THIS IT SASHA?
IS THIS THE EXTENT OF YOUR NEWFOUND POWER?
tremble
WHY COULDN'T I BEAT YOU?!
WHY COULDN'T I WIN?!
HOW ?
WHY?!
ALL THAT POWER...
I ALWAYS FIGHT WITH MY LIFE ON THE LINE ALWAYS!
IF I CAN PROTECT SOMEONE I LOVE, I'LL GLADLY GIVE MY LIFE TO DO SO!
EVERY TIME!
YOU SAY THAT
THAT'S...
BECAUSE YOU DON'T PUT THE WEIGHT OF YOUR HEART INTO THEM...
BECAUSE YOU DON'T FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE
YOUR ATTACKS ARE AS LIGHT AS FEATHERS SASHA...

LET'S SAY YOU SUCCEED IN GETTING YOURSELF KILLED
LET'S SAY YOU EVEN SAVE SOMEONE YOU LOVE BY DYING
WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENS TO YOUR LOVED ONE THEN?
THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOUR ATTACKS LIGHT!
...BECAUSE YOU'RE A FOOL!

!!
AS A SOURCE OF POWER THAT'S NOT JUST WEAK IT'S NOTHING
BUT WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO YOU IF YOU DON'T EVEN VALUE IT YOURSELF?
HOW COULD SOMETHING YOU'LL THROW AWAY THAT EASILY BE WHAT DRIVES YOU TO WIN?
YOU SAY YOU FIGHT WITH YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE...

SIP
YOUR LIFE?
YOU SAY YOU'LL SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE TO SAVE THE ONES YOU LOVE?
WELL THEN SHOW ME
KILL YOURSELF ON MY SPEAR!
BECAUSE IF YOU DO, I SWEAR TO YOU HERE AND NOW
I THE MAN YOU COULD NEVER DEFEAT
WILL SHIELD AND PROTECT ALL YOUR LOVED ONES IN YOUR PLACE
THAT AFTER YOUR DEATH

SO
GO ON
RISE UP
AND DIE
SST
AAK...
GRIT
drip
drip
KHAA...
KHHH
tsuuu
trickle

hah
I CAN'T
SOMEHOW, FOR SOME REASON
THUD
SHIK
I THINK I STILL
WANT TO LIVE
FOR OTHERS
FOR JUSTICE
FOR REVENGE
FOR FAME
ALL WEAK ALL FAR TOO LIGHT

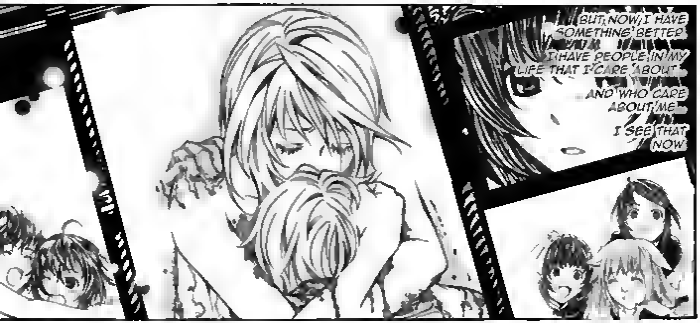
NO, THE THING THAT WEIGHS THE MOST...
...IS SOMETHING THAT LURKS IN ALL OF US.
THE INSTINCT THAT DOMINATES EVERY LIVING CREATURE!
FEAR!
FEAR OF DYING, FEAR OF FAILURE, FEAR OF LEAVING THE ONES YOU LOVE...
DON'T FIGHT IT, EMBRACE IT!
USE IT, LET IT HELP YOU!
...!!
FIGHT BECAUSE YOU MUST LIVE, MUST SURVIVE, FOR OTHERS IF NOT FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, AND YOUR BLOWS WILL WEIGH AS HEAVY AS THE EARTH ITSELF!

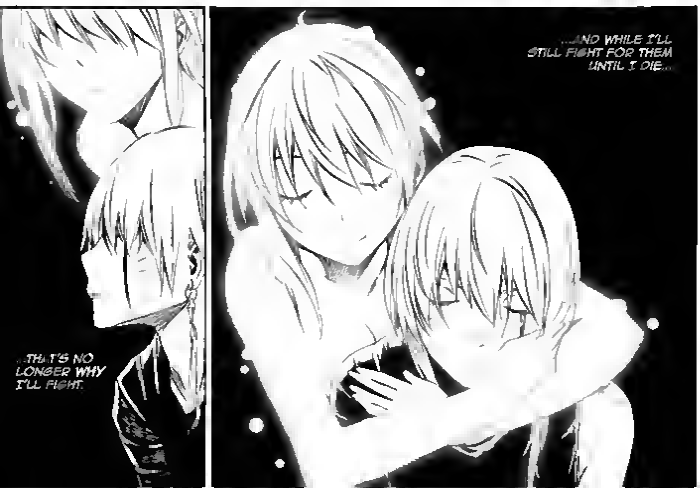
BRSSSHH
AND HERE ENDS THE FINAL LES-SON
NOW KILL ME IF YOU WANT TO LIVE

WHOOM!!
BECAUSE I WILL SHOW YOU NO MERCY
ONE OF US WILL NOT LEAVE THIS PLACE
THIS TIME I WILL KILL YOU IF YOU LET ME

THIS IDEA
THIS FEELING
THAT MY LIFE SOMEHOW
MATTERS
IT'S SOMETHING I'VE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED BEFORE
drip

AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER I'VE BEEN DRIVEN BY NOTHING BUT ANGER AND THE NEED FOR REVENGE


...BUT NOW I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER.
I HAVE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE THAT I CARE ABOUT...
...AND WHO CARE ABOUT ME.
I SEE THAT NOW.


...AND WHILE I'LL STILL FIGHT FOR THEM UNTIL I DIE...
...THAT'S NO LONGER WHY I'LL FIGHT.

MAFUYU
WE WILL SEE
EACH OTHER AGAIN

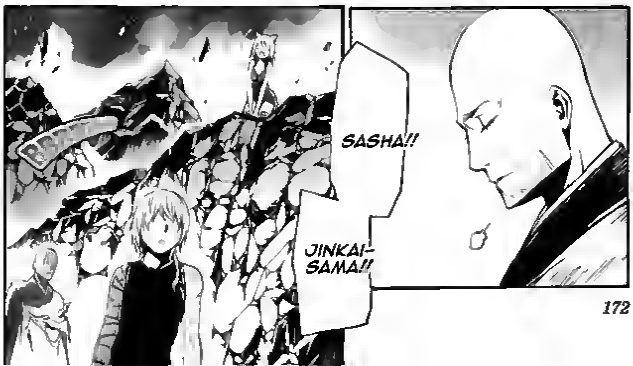
NOW I UNDER-STAND
SSSHHH
THE MORE DESPERATE A FIGHT WILL BE
CRACKLE
SHINK
THE MORE I MUST FIGHT WITH THE FULL WEIGHT OF MY LIFE AND ALL IT MEANS TO ME AND THOSE WHO SHARE IT, BEHIND EACH AND EVERY BLOW.
SPARK
THE HARDER THE CHALLENGE

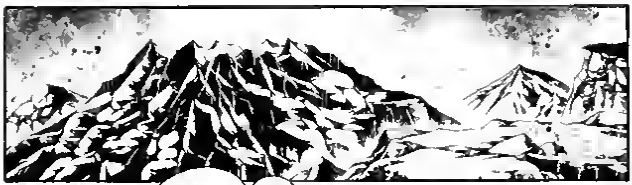
HE'S PULLING IN THE BLACK SAND AND SEPARATES THE IRON FROM EVERY GRAIN IN AN INSTANT
EVEN AS HE REDUCES THE IRON AND SHAPES IT INTO A WEAPON!
EXCELLENT!
NOW FIGHT!
KHOOM
A MAN MUST NEVER RUN WHEN HIS SINS COME BACK TO HAUNT HIM
IS THIS WHAT GRISHA'S AND MINE HAVE WROUGHT?
IF SO, I HAVE NO REGRETS
WRATH OF HEAVEN'S DRAGON!

MY LIFE...
...BE MY STEEL!

clack
WHAT...?
click clatter
AT THE VERY MOMENT OF IMPACT HIS BLADE SPLIT APART AND SIMPLY SWEPT PAST MY BODY
SASHA!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO KILL ME IF YOU COULD?!
YOU DID.
BUT WITH JUST A FEW WORDS, YOU ALSO MADE ME REALIZE HOW VALUABLE LIVES REALLY ARE
ofsss

I JUST WANT YOU TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT
THAT'S ALL...
AND JINKAI...
I HAVE NO REASON TO END YOURS


SASHA!!
JINKAI-SAMA!!



BACK THEN...
WE WANTED TO FIND SOMEONE FOR THE COMING MESSIAH.
A MARIA SUITED TO THE TASK
WE WERE SEARCHING ALL OVER THE WORLD

OLGA TOLSTAYA
YOUR SISTER

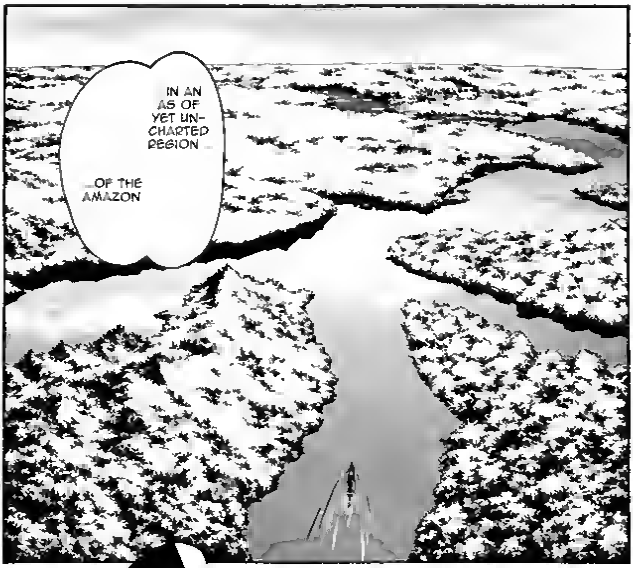
AND IN ONE FACILITY WE LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL
ONE OF THE HIGHEST MEASURED MARIAS EVER

UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE SHE HAD A TREMENDOUS LIFE POWER, HER BODY ONLY PRODUCED VERY LITTLE SOMA
STILL, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY REMARKABLE
SO MUCH SO THAT OOTORI AND I TRIED TO CONVINCE HER TO COME WITH US TO MAGNOLIA
OF COURSE SHE REFUSED.
BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU
...!!
SO GRISH KILLED HER RIGHT THEN AND THERE...
...NO CUT THAT STIGMATA INTO YOU
clench
WHY?
WHY DID HE CUT ME?
WHY DIDN'T HE JUST KILL ME?
NO IDEA.
MAYBE HE THOUGHT IT WAS AMUSING.

WELL WHAT-EVER
MAYBE I'LL REMEMBER TO ASK HIM...
...WHEN I SEE HIM FACE TO FACE...
BECAUSE THE GOLDEN TYRANT...
NO. OUR NEW POPE, GREGORIUS XVII...
SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT AS WELL.
...IS ABOUT TO LEARN EXACTLY WHAT IT S LIKE
TO HAVE ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS CUT TO PIECES

haah
hah
KKKK
NNH
NNOHH...
KKK
clink
haah
NO!
NO YOU'RE WRONG!
haah
haah
WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING WITH THIS "GOOD GIRL" ACT?
THIS'LL BE A LOT EASIER FOR YOU IF YOU ACCEPT THE SIMPLE FACT
THAT DEEP INSIDE, YOU'RE JUST A DIRTY SHAME-LESS LITTLE SLUT!
lick

THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PUNISH YOU !
OH BACK-TALKING NOW, ARE WE?
ZZT
PLEASE
A'
AAA...!
THE MORE YOU FEEL, THE STRONGER THE SOMA
AND YOU KNOW THIS IS ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE TAMARA
AFTER ALL, WE'RE NOW


IN AN AS OF YET UN-CHARTED REGION
...OF THE AMAZON

I'M TOLD WE'LL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY.
WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE NEXT STEP OF OUR JOURNEY

WHAT?
KNOCK KNOCK

...SSSHHH...
"THE SEVEN DIVERGENCES" KATJA-SAMA?
VVMMMMM
THAT'S WHAT THE RUINS ARE CALLED
AND ONE OF THEM IS RUMORED TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE
QUITE SO!
AND IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
WE IN THE THEOSIS PROJECT MUST FIND THIS RUIN!

SO WE GIVE OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ATHOS FOR COOPERATING WITH US SO GRACIOUSLY
MAY GOD EVER KEEP YOU AND PROTECT YOU!
SSS
!!
THOK
THUNK
IS THAT... ...AN ARROW?
DRRR

DO NOT MOVE!
!!
rustle
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?!
WHO ARE YOU?!
KATOA-SAMA

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